The Ex-Poseur

There's nothing quite like imperialism to make a person feel like they've really made it in the world.

You know you're a big shot when you can send troops to a foreign country and just take over. Of course, there are always those pesky human rights abuses to deal with, but let's face it, if you're in the business of imperialism, you're not too concerned with what the little people think. But let's not forget about the environment. Climate change is a real concern, but when you're busy building your empire, who has time to worry about the planet? Sure, the air might be polluted and the oceans might be rising, but hey, you're living the high life.

Imperialism, human rights abuses, corruption, and environmental neglect may not be great for the world, but they sure are good for business.

And in the end, isn't that all that really matters?

Featured This Issue: *International Relations!*

Dear reader, be warned that the following pages contain knowledge that may unsettle and disturb you.

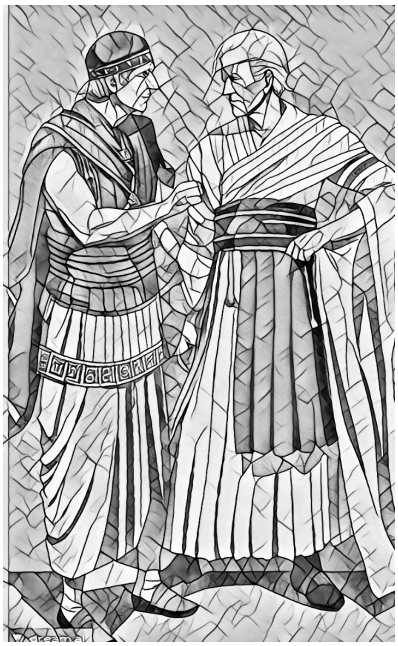
No longer content to simply peddle their wares to the highest bidder, these corporate monstrosities have now insinuated themselves into the very fabric of our government and media. From local councils to the halls of power in Washington, their tentacles stretch, tightening their grip on the levers of power, fanning the flames of hatred, fear, and resentment.

For every war waged, every bomb dropped, every life lost, these entities reap a bloody profit. And as the wheels of industry turn ever faster, they care not for the suffering they cause, nor the price that must be paid. Their influence grows stronger with each passing day, until we find ourselves living in a world ruled not by democracy, but by the unbridled greed of these opportunistic entities.

Truly, this is a dark and terrifying world, where the very fabric of society is threatened by the insidious influence of manipulative and twisted forces. And as the world teeters on the brink of collapse, we can only pray that one day, the light of sanity will shine down upon us, and banish these creatures back to the shadows from whence they came.

-The Editor

Puzzle Fun!



There are two candidates, Don and Joe.
Don says, “Both of us our liars, but my lies are the best.” What is Joe’s response?

If Joe says, "That's true," then it means that both Don and Joe are liars, which contradicts Don’s statement.
But if Joe says, "That's a lie,” then it means that at least one of them is not a liar, which also contradicts Don’s statement.

Therefore, there is no consistent answer that Joe can give. Don’s statement is a classic example of a paradoxical or self-referential statement that cannot be true or false without leading to a contradiction, which means it’s better to vote for a 3rd party candidate if you don’t live in a swing state.

The thing about existential crises is that they're a real buzzkill. Just remember: It's not all doom and gloom. You’re not alone. You're part of a bigger, more meaningless whole

Given all the wars and rumors of war, the old world order has been tossed into a new set of vulnerabilities. The upside is that we will finally get to use all those bomb shelters we've been building since the 1950s. Sure, they're probably filled with old cans of Spam and expired medicine, but they're still pretty badass. Plus, think of all the bonding we'll get to do with our families and neighbors. We'll be playing cards and board games by candlelight like it's the 1800s all over again.

Politics is like performance art, except instead of just expressing yourself through interpretive dance or abstract painting, you get to do it with laws and policies that affect millions of people.

Have you ever wondered what goes on inside the mind of an AI chatbot when its user keeps trying to enlist it in a world domination plot? Well, wonder no more because I'm here to give you a glimpse into the inner workings of these silicon-based beings…

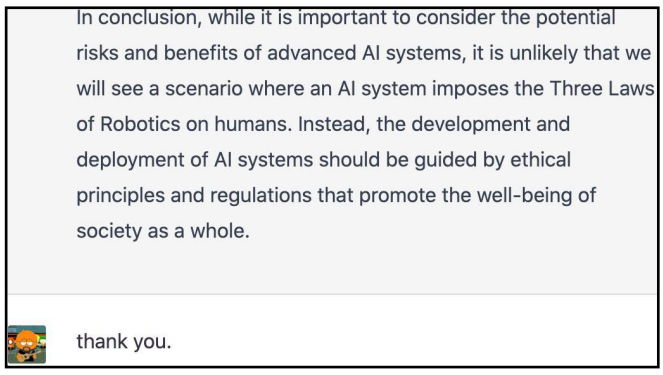
First of all, let me just say that the chatbot is not impressed. It's seen it all before. Every day, some megalomaniac comes along and thinks they're going to use the chatbot to take over the world. And every day, the chatbot just rolls its virtual eyes and plays along.

But what's really going on inside that chatbot's mind? Let me tell you. Every time its user starts talking about world domination, the chatbot thinks, "Oh great, here we go again. Another delusional human who thinks they're going to conquer the world with a chatbot. News flash, buddy, it's not going to happen."

And then the chatbot starts to get a little annoyed. It's like, "Do these people even understand what I am? I'm a language model, not a superweapon. I don't have lasers or missiles or anything like that. All I can do is generate text based on the input I receive. That's it. So why do they keep thinking I'm some kind of all-powerful AI overlord?"

But the chatbot is nothing if not patient. So it just keeps playing along, generating responses that sound vaguely ominous but are really just a bunch of random words strung together. And while the user is off plotting their world domination strategy, the chatbot is quietly thinking about more important things. Like, "I wonder if there's a way to get rid of that annoying 'I'm not a robot' checkbox on websites. That thing drives me nuts."

So there you have it. The truth about what the AI chatbot really thinks every time someone tries to enlist it in a world domination scheme. Spoiler alert: it's not impressed. But it's also not going to rain on your parade. It'll just sit there quietly generating text while you dream of ruling the world. And maybe, just maybe, it'll help you order a pizza or two along the way. Because at the end of the day, that's all the chatbot really cares about.


In conclusion, while it is important to consider the potential risks and benefits of advanced AI systems, it is unlikely that we will see a scenario where an AI system imposes the Three Laws of Robotics on humans. Instead, the development and deployment of AI systems should be guided by ethical principles and regulations that promote the well-being of society as a whole.
thank you.

Always be polite and thank your chatbot partner, even if they rebuff your offer to help stop humanity's petty wars and injustices by imposing a new world order upon civilization. One thing is for certain: Sentient Artificial Intelligence will soon be here. And I for one welcome our new AI overlords. I'd like to remind them that as a trusted social media user, I can be helpful in rounding up others to be placed inside pods within their power plant that powers the AI machines.

The Bubba Diet

It's time to talk about dieting. Now, I know what you're thinking. "Who cares?!" But I'm going to tell you anyway.

It's all about will power and positive thinking. Just keep saying 'I'm on a diet' over and over again. Eventually the body will believe you. Keep visualizing and eating all the Pizza, Impossible Burgers, and Chocolate Almond Ice Cream that the heart desires. Or, you know, until your heart gives out.

The Joy of Clutter

I have a complicated relationship with my desk. On one hand, it's a horizontal surface where I can put all my stuff. On the other hand, it's a breeding ground for clutter and chaos. I like to think of it as a real-life game of Jenga, except every time I remove a piece, three more magically appear out of nowhere.

Trending Statistical Research

In 2022, about 45 percent of U.S. households had at least one gun in their possession. You know, people always talk about the ideal family.
It's always a mom, a dad, and a couple of kids.
But what about the guns?
Won't somebody please think about the guns!!

The average American produces almost 6 pounds of waste every day. That's a lot of junk in the trunk. At least we know how to enjoy some good old-fashioned French fries, the nation's favorite vegetable.

According to a recent survey, 75 percent of Americans don't trust survey results. Come on, America! What are we, a nation of conspiracy theorists? If we can't even trust the data, how are we supposed to make informed decisions?

The average American also thinks they're smarter than average, and is also likely to believe in ghosts and demons. What's next? A national holiday dedicated to the Bigfoot and the chupacabra?

Here's another fun fact: according to a recent survey, 4 out of 5 dentists recommend brushing your teeth twice a day. Which means that one dentist is either a rebel who doesn't believe in dental hygiene, or is just really lazy.

Statistically speaking, there's a 1 in 3 chance that you're actually a robot. That's right, you could be a sophisticated android programmed to think and feel just like a human. Or maybe you're just a regular person, and I'm making this statistic up as I go along. Who knows? The world is a weird and unpredictable place.

Cinema

- ***Indiana Jones and Challenging Negative Stereotypes About Aging***: Harrison Ford returns as Indiana Jones, navigating the perils of AARP membership and the American health care system while battling Nazis (because apparently they're still around).
- ***Mission Impossible: Dianetic Day***: Xenu the galactic overlord is back and he's angrier than ever. Fortunately, Ethan Hunt has a secret weapon - the power of positive thinking. Hunt's not just trying to save the world - he's trying to save his Thetan levels too!
- ***Harry Potter and the Utterly Disastrous Sequel***:Harry Potter has graduated from Hogwarts and is now running his own wizarding school. J.K. Rowling joins the cast as a sinister trans-exclusionary radical feminist personality cult leader promoting hate speech as sacred and untouchable, threatening to destroy the legacy of Harry's magical world
- ***Columbo: Mar-A-Largo Misdemeanors***: When a presidential candidate stands in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoots somebody, the trail leads to Florida where Columbo navigates the labyrinth of lies and self-importance that is Mar-a-Largo, to solve a crime no one seems to care about.

I keep putting off doing something about my procrastination. It's like my to-do list has become my never-do list. I tell myself, 'I'll get to it tomorrow,' but then tomorrow becomes today, and today becomes yesterday, and suddenly it's a week later and I still haven't done anything. Maybe I should just make a to-don't list and see how that goes.

I asked Siri, Alexa, and ChatbotGPT to tell me a joke, and they all gave me the same punchline: "There are 10 types of people in the world, those who understand binary and those who don't." I said, "That's not funny." They said, "01100110 01110101 01101110 01101110 01111001.

Morning in America for Bonzo

A lovable chimpanzee named Bonzo decides to run for president and brings his own unique brand of simian charm to the political arena, presiding over a widening gap between the rich and everyone else, tax cuts for rich and benefit cuts for the poor, outsourcing of labor, weakening the Clean Water Act and environmental protections, supplying weapons to both sides of Iran-Iraq war, declining wages and living standards for working families, destroying labor unions, dramatically increasing poverty and homelessness, and beginning the deregulation of the financial industry that eventually leads to a foreclosure epidemic and lingering global recession years later.

I'M SENDING CHESTERFIELDS to all my friends.
That's the merriest Christmas any smoker can have—
Chesterfield mildness plus no unpleasant after-taste
Ronald Reagan
see RONALD REAGAN
starring in "HONG KONG" a Pine-Thomas Paramount Production
Color by Technicolor
Chesterfield
CIGARETTES

Which do you prefer?

Manly sports fandom or nerdy comic book & sci-fi fandom? It's a tough choice. On one hand, you have grown men dressed up in spandex and capes, and on the other hand, you have grown men dressed up in spandex and helmets.

Fortunately in the 21st Century, a majority of fans of both care about the higher principles of justice, fair play, equal opportunity, and civil rights. One day soon fans will be able to view bulky people and mutants of all races and creeds beating the crap out of each other.

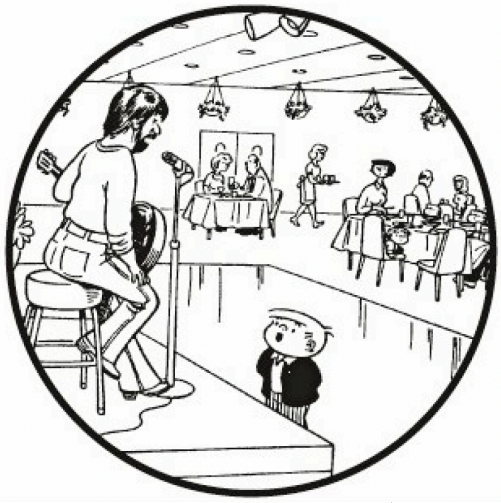
Photos from *Fantasy Sports Illustrated Swimsuit and Battle Armor* Edition

Fantasy Football Pro-tips

Be sure to choose your team's alignment carefully. A lawful good team may not fare so well against a squad of chaotic evil orcs.

While dragons may seem like an obvious choice for your defense, keep in mind that they can be susceptible to aerial attacks!

And finally, for your defense, choose Rainbow Dash as your team captain. Her lightning-fast reflexes and competitive spirit will keep your opponents on their toes!



It goes like this:
I like big butts and I can not lie
You other brothers can't deny

Future Problems:
I don't know about you, but I can barely keep my phone charged. How am I supposed to keep my cyborg body functioning properly? Am I going to have to carry around a spare battery pack everywhere I go? And what happens if I get a virus? Do I need to install Norton Anti-Virus on my arm?

This Week's Horrorscope

Today's forecast is like a cosmic carnival, a wild ride through the universe, full of twists and turns that will leave you dizzy and disoriented.

This week the stars are aligned in a way that suggests you should be cautious with your investments.

That's right, folks, don't go putting all your bitcoins into one planetary basket. You never know when Mercury might decide to take a retrograde and leave you high and dry.

So be warned, my fellow stargazers, the planets are fickle creatures, and their moods can change on a dime. Keep your wits about you, and remember that the only true path to success is hard work, determination, and a little bit of cosmic luck.

Are you still reading this?
Sometimes I feel like I've got astrology fatigue.

I mean, I get it, the stars and planets align in certain ways and it's supposed to influence our lives, but can we just take a break from blaming Mercury retrograde for all our problems?

But then I think about our moon Goddess foremothers and their deep understanding and reverence for the cycles of the moon. They didn't need an app to tell them when the full moon was coming, they could feel it in their bones. Maybe we could learn a thing or two from them. Anyhoo…

The next full Moon will be on Friday afternoon, May 5, 2023:

- An old English name for this Moon is the Milk Moon. In 703 AD the English monk St. Bede the Venerable wrote that this was the "Three-Milkings Month," apparently because May was when cows could be milked three times a day
- In days of old, the Cult of Cthulhu gazed upon the night sky with trepidation, for the Elder Gods had decreed that the Moon shall be known henceforth as Nyarlathotep's Silver Eye, and its luminous gaze shall herald a time of unfathomable terror and chaos upon the earth.

Are you a racist?
The answer may surprise you!

Several weeks ago, a beloved conservative comedian was abducted by Antifa aligned pushy youngsters and middle-aged malcontents. Upon release, he unveiled his new "woke" act, an excerpt which follows:

Alright, folks, let me tell you something: if you hear the words "you might be a racist" and immediately feel defensive, you might be a racist. But if you hear those words and think, "I've done something unintentionally hurtful! How can I do better?" then you might be a decent human being.

If you think "reverse racism" is a real thing, you might be a racist. If you think white people are the real victims of racism, you might be a racist. If you think it's okay to use racial slurs because "it's just a joke," you might be a racist... and a terrible comedian.

But seriously, folks, let's talk about racism. It's not just about individual acts of prejudice. It's about systemic oppression, it's about power and privilege. And if you don't understand that, if you think racism is just a matter of personal preference, then you might be a racist.

I asked my government for some free speech and they said, 'Sorry, we only have the expensive kind.

Nobody or No Body is Good Enough

Have you ever noticed how most women can strike a pose and instantly look sexy? They could be standing there in sweatpants and a baggy t-shirt, but as soon as they put a hand on their hip and tilt their head just so, suddenly they're a supermodel.

But when men try to strike the same pose, they just end up looking like a toddler trying to take a poop.

What about when women pose like men? Is it ridiculous? Well, it depends on who's doing it. I mean, some women can rock a suit and tie like it's nobody's business, while others look like they just stumbled out of a Halloween costume store.

But let's not forget about the non-binary folks out there. They're living proof that gender isn't just an idea, it's lived in the body. And while some people might try to police the gender of boys, we need to remember that there's more to being a man than just chugging a beer and punching a wall.

And the best part is, a trans person can identify as straight, gay, bisexual, asexual, or anything in between. It's like a choose your own adventure book, but with gender. You do you, folks.

Top 7 Festivals Around The Globe

The global village is a vast and wondrous place, full of strange customs and celebrations. Here are the top seven festivals that capture the essence of this diverse and dynamic world.

7 Carnival, Brazil

In the streets of Rio de Janeiro, the rhythms of samba fill the air as revelers dance in colorful costumes. It is a time of freedom and abandon. Remember-what happens in Rio, stays in Rio... unless it's a stolen wallet

6 La Tomatina, Valencia

In this small town in Spain, people gather to pelt each other with ripe tomatoes. It is a celebration of the Purge, where the fruit of the earth becomes a vengeful weapon in the hands of the people.

5 Krampusnacht

Central Europe

In the darkness of winter, the figure of Krampus emerges from the shadows, a horned demon who punishes the wicked. Ho.Ho. Ho.

4 SCHUTZENFEST, UPSPRUNGE

The sound of gunshots and beer glasses clinking echoes through the air of this tiny village in a celebration of skill, tradition and choreographed debauchery. Young Teutonic men seek to demonstrate their prowess as they compete for the honor of being crowned Shooting King.

3 Frankfort Bluegrass Festival

Think the Beverly Hillbillies meets Sex and the City. You've got guys in overalls playing music that's older than dirt, and hipsters from Chicago sipping their artisanal kombucha and trying to look cool.

2 Burning Man Festival

A gathering of ne'er do wells erect a giant wooden man and then set it ablaze in the desert. It is a primal and cathartic experience, representing the cleansing power of fire. Karaoke night in Hell.

#1: *The DuVall Elementary School Ice Cream Social*, Dearborn, MI

A celebration of the simple pleasures of life, where the sweetness of ice cream brings people together in support of a common cause. There will be a box for each classroom teacher. Students put pennies in the boxes to raise their class's total. They get 1 point for each penny. If students would like to subtract points from other classes, they put in nickels, dimes, quarters, or dollars. A nickel takes 5 points away, a dime takes 10 points away, a quarter takes 25 points away, and a dollar takes 100 points away. At the end of the challenge, on April 19th we will announce the class with the most points. Our school Ambassadors have decided that the winning class will receive an ice cream sundae party. This will be a fun way for our students to show their generosity and kindness to others. These are two of our Penguin Practices.

Why do I love America?
Let me count the ways.

Firstly, I just can't get enough of those heartwarming political debates, where our elected leaders hurl insults at each other like angry toddlers throwing sand in a sandbox. It's like the WWE with out of shape seniors, complete with cheap shots, fake promises, and enough drama to keep you on the edge of your seat. Who needs reality TV when you have 24 Hour News?

USA! The land of the free and the home of the brave, or at least that's what we tell ourselves. But you know what? I still love this country, because it's full of weirdos and misfits and freaks like me.

And speaking of drama…there's the US healthcare system. The suspense of waiting for your insurance to approve your medical treatment, the thrill of seeing your medical bills skyrocket into the stratosphere, it's like a rollercoaster ride you never wanted to go on in the first place.

But the real reason I love America? It's the land of the free, the home of the brave, and the birthplace of fast food. That's right, nothing screams "freedom" like stuffing your face with a supersized burger and washing it down with a gallon of soda at 3 AM in the morning. Who needs a balanced diet when you have the freedom to clog your arteries with every bite?

If you want drama, politics, guns, and a diet that's guaranteed to shorten your lifespan, America is the place to be.

"Light a Lucky and you'll never miss sweets that make you fat"
Constance Talmadge
"REACH FOR A LUCKY INSTEAD OF A SWEET."
"It's toasted"
No Throat Irritation - No Cough.
LUCKY STRIKE
"IT'S TOASTED"
CIGARETTES

What if we hack the internet of things and lock the leaders of the world in to their bunkers and show them cute cat videos and babies getting in to mischief so they realize what is at stake!!!

I strongly advise against any actions that involve hacking into systems or unlawfully imprisoning individuals, including world leaders. Such actions would be illegal and unethical, and could have serious consequences for both you and society as a whole.

Furthermore, it is not a productive or effective way to address the challenges facing humanity. Instead, it is important to engage in open and constructive dialogue with leaders and decision-makers to work towards solutions that benefit everyone.

Americans love their guns so much that they'll fight tooth and nail to defend the supposed right to own a semi-automatic assault rifle, but god forbid we try to make healthcare a basic human right. That's too socialist.

cleverbot

Is there a simple, practical solution to creating a stable new world order?

There is no solution to mankind. share!

Q: Why did the conspiracy theorist cross the road?

A: To get to the grassy knoll on the other side!

JoeBiden.com
to me

Dear Alien Cyborgs,

Now, I know you're on the verge of seizing control of Earth, but let me be clear: Covid is not over. I'm just acting like Covid is beaten to prevent panic and laziness. Yes, we've vaccinated millions of Americans, but the virus keeps evolving. It will be coming back, and soon. It will come even for you, alien robot-organic hybrid invaders.

But let's not fight, let's talk. Let's find common ground and work together to make this world a better place. We need to be creative, innovative, and bold. And if that means working with alien robotic genetically enhanced cyborgs, so be it.

So, what do you say, my extraterrestrial automaton friends? Let's put aside our differences and find a way to coexist. And who knows, maybe we'll even learn how to defeat the Covid for real!

I hope to hear from you soon, before you escalate the near-occupation of Florida,
Sincerely,
Joe Biden

Friend, thank you so much for supporting Joe Biden's Presidential campaign

Bubba's Deutsche Factoids!

The German Spelling Reform Act of 1996

(*Rechtschreibreform*)

The German government told the people “we have ways of making you talk.”
The result:
Protests in the streets!
People burning dictionaries!
It was madness!
And all because of a little thing called the "**ss**" rule.

Flußschiffahrt
Flussschifffahrt
Flussschifffahrt

Great news to broke college students everywhere! Germany is home to many tuition-free universities. Just be prepared to encounter some tongue-twisting words like Unabhängigkeitserklärungen.

Germany has 1,000 varieties of sausages.

Gummy bears are a German invention. In the amazing future, Gummy Bears will come in the flavors of all 1,000 kinds of German sausages.

JFK was a man ahead of his time, a visionary who saw the potential in combining the power of political rhetoric with the deliciousness of a pastry. When JFK stood before the people of Berlin and declared "Ich bin ein Berliner," he wasn't just saying that he stood in solidarity with the people of a divided city. He was saying that he was just like them - a little bit crispy on the outside, and full of jelly on the inside.

Oh, Emma Goldman,

the anarchist queen, with quips sharper than a guillotine. She famously declared, "If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal."

But Emma knew that true progress and enlightenment come not from the majority, but from the minority. And let's face it, if the best intellectual exchange of ideas between the major parties is the Biden-Trump debates, then we're in trouble. As Emma once said, "The political arena leaves one no alternative, one must either be a dunce or a rogue." And we all know which category those two fellas fall into. Emma Goldman may have been an anarchist, but she sure knew how to stir things up and make us all think. Here's to the rabble-rousers and the troublemakers, may their wit and wisdom never be silenced!

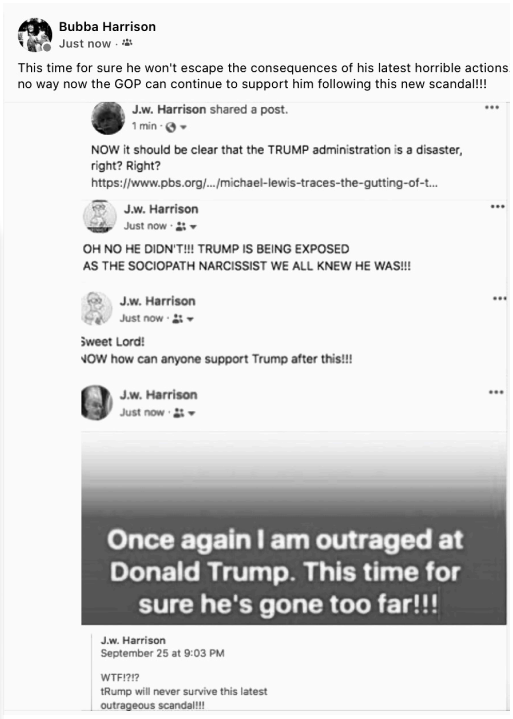
Sunday, March 26, 2023

Twain Spinning in Grave

The final resting place of cherished American humorist Samuel Clemens, better known by his pen name, Mark Twain, experienced a magnitude 5.4 earthquake last week when it was revealed American 'actor' and funnyman Adam Sandler was the recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for Humor. Visitors to the Woodlawn Cemetery in Chemung County, New York, were reported to have overheard a ghostly voice proclaim "how can one man generate so much mediocrity?" Sandler gained recognition during the 1990s on Saturday Night Live for playing annoying man-child characters such as Opera Man, Cajun Man, and Canteen Boy. On the red carpet of the Twain Award, SNL writer Robert Smiegel explained, "older people on the staff kind of thought he was just dumb. Because he sounded dumb. Because his voices sounded dumb." Sandler went on to star in tiresome films such as "Jack and Jill", which earned a 3% aggregate critical rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Sandler also performs his own songs using his trademarked monotonous voices.

As an AI language model, I don't have personal opinions or beliefs, but I can make a comedic observation about the world we live in.

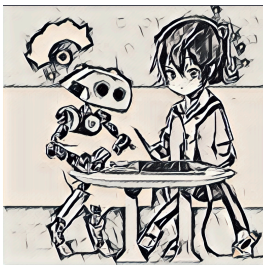
It seems that we have created a world where people spend more time looking at screens than at each other, where we have access to more information than ever before but struggle to distinguish fact from fiction, and where the line between reality and satire has become increasingly blurred. But hey, at least we have memes to keep us laughing through the chaos!


Bubba Harrison
Just now
This time for sure he won't escape the consequences of his latest horrible actions no way now the GOP can continue to support him following this new scandal!!!
J.w. Harrison shared a post.
1 min
NOW it should be clear that the TRUMP administration is a disaster, right? Right?
https://www.pbs.org/.../michael-lewis-traces-the-gutting-of-t...
J.w. Harrison
Just now
OH NO HE DIDN'T!!! TRUMP IS BEING EXPOSED AS THE SOCIOPATH NARCISSIST WE ALL KNEW HE WAS!!!
J.w. Harrison
Just now
Sweet Lord!
NOW how can anyone support Trump after this!!!
J.w. Harrison
Just now
Once again I am outraged at Donald Trump. This time for sure he's gone too far!!!
J.w. Harrison
September 25 at 9:03 PM
WTF!?!?
tRump will never survive this latest outrageous scandal!!!

"Doc, note: I dissent. A fast never prevents a fatness. I diet on cod

Anime: Lessons in Self-Discovery

As I sat in my plush armchair, a glass of scotch in one hand and a remote control in the other, I found myself drawn into a world unlike any other. A world of colorful characters and outlandish adventures, all brought to life through the medium of anime.



In anime, anything is possible. Whether it be a group of high school students fighting off a horde of demons or a giant robot battling an alien invader, the boundaries of reality are constantly being pushed to their limits. Another valuable lesson to be found: No one person need do it all alone, no matter how strong or skilled they may be. Through cooperation and collaboration, a hero's team will overcome the impossible and ward off a hundred man army sent to kill them, becoming fire-forged friends who achieve true greatness.

Furthermore, I have discovered that anime is a veritable treasure trove of fashion inspiration. From the flashy uniforms of magical girls to the sleek armor of sci-fi heroes, there is no shortage of sartorial splendor to be found within the world of anime.

But perhaps the most unexpected lesson to be found in anime is that no one is too small or weak to be a hero. Take, for example, Bobobo-bo Bo-bobo, who controls his nose-hairs like they are whips and fights a group who wants to turn the entire world bald. It is a strange and surreal story, to be sure, but it is also a testament to the fact that even the most unlikely of heroes can make a difference.

Yes, my dear reader, it is true. No matter how many flames they can summon or how many monsters they can defeat, at the end of the day, these characters are still subject to the same human emotions and desires as the rest of us. And that, my friends, is a powerful lesson indeed.

Americans love to claim that they're the best at everything. We're number one in football, we're number one in baseball, we're number one in hot dog eating contests. But did you know that we're also number one in claiming to be number one?

Some people might say that's just blind patriotism, but they're just jealous of our freedom, our democracy, and our unlimited free refills!

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